Telephone booth on Highways

†4623. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install special telephone booths on the roadside of highways to help the victims of accidents on National Highways so that passengers can solve their different problems by contacting Control Room and in case of any accident, ambulance may reach the place of accident within twenty minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the National Highways where such telephone booths are initially proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir Emergency call boxes have already been installed on Kotputli-Ame and Jaipur-Kishangarh section of NH-8, Chennai Bypass Phase-I, Tada-Nellore section of NH-5 and Nandigama-Ibrahimpatnam section of NH-9 The system can be used by the road users to make alarm calls to the control centre in case of any accident/emergency/ problem on the road The operator at the control centre informs the patrolling vehicle and/or ambulance through dedicated radio communication to reach the accident/problem site. Emergency call boxes are also proposed to be installed on some of the sections on NH-1, NH-2, NH-5, NH-8 and Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway.

Four laning of NHs in Andhra Pradesh

4624. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of fifteen National Highways in Andhra Pradesh NH-5, NH-7 and a part of NH-9 had been handed over to NHAI for four laning under National Highway Development Project;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made on each of the above three highways;

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